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SUBJECT: TRIBUTE OF APPRECIATION (SCROLL) FOR DR. SAMUEL P.

ASPER (M.D.)

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- 1. I HAVE BEEN MOST IMPRESSED, BOTH PERSONALLY AND BY ACCOUNTS OF MISSION PERSONNEL, WITH DR. SAMUEL P. ASPER, DEAN OF AUB MEDICAL SCHOOL AND CHIEF OF STAFF AUB HOSPITAL.
- 2. DURING THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE LEBANESE CIVIL CONFLICT, DR. ASPER HAS SELFLESSLY OFFERED HIS PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO, AND CONTINUEALLY EXHIBITED PERSONAL CONCERN FOR, THE PERSONNEL OF THIS MISSION.
- 3. THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BEIRUT HAS ENDURED NOT ONLY THE TRYING CONDITIONS OF CIVIL WAR BUT, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE MURDERS OF AMBASSADOR FRANCIS MELOY, COUNSELOR ROBERT WARING AND DRIVER ZOHAIR MOGHRABI; THE KIDNAPPING OF MISSION EMPLOYEES CHAS. GALLAGHER AND W.R. DYKES, AND THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MSG CORPORAL LARRY WILEY. THROUGHOUT DR. ASPER HAS PROVEN TO BE THE COMPETENT PHYSICIAN AND MAN OF GOOD WILL TO ALL; THE COMPASSIONATE FRIEND OF THIS EMBASSY AND OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

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4. I HEARTILY RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AWARD TO

DR. SAM ASPER A "TRIBUTE OF APPRECIATION" WHICH IS RICHLY DESERVED. I FURTHER RECOMMEND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THAT THE TRIBUTE BE SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY AND BE PRESENTED TO DR. SASPER BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON.

5. DR. ASPER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON BUSINESS DURING LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH MS. VIRGINIA WORSELEY AID/FDA.WE THINK THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESENTATION OF THE TRIBUTE.

6. SUGGESTED TEXT OF TRIBUTE FOLLOWS: "PRESENTED TO DR. SAMUEL P. ASPER, DEAN OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, CHIEF F STAFF, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, BEIRUT, WITH PROFOUND GRTITUDE FOR HIS WARM FRIENDSHIP, UNFAILING ASSISTANCE, AND WISE AND COMFORTING COUNSEL SO GENEROUSLY GIVEN TO PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BEIRUT DURING THE LEBANESE CIVIL CONFLICT, 1975-1976."

7. RAY HUNT SUGGESTS THAT SHOULD TIME BE A FACTOR, LARRY DUPRE, AO/OPR WOULD ON REQUEST, HAVE AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES DO SCROLL ON EXPEDITIOUS BASIS. SEELYE

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